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**HEARINGS**

**BEFORE THE COMMITTEE**

**on**

**SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS**

**ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY**

**Deposition of E. Howard Hunt**

**Washington, D. C.**

**PART I - 1:45 pm**

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9 The parties to the deposition met at 1:45 p.m., in Room  
3501, House Office Building Annex No. 2, Second and D Streets,  
10 Washington, D.C.

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12 Present: Robert W. Genzman, Staff Counsel; Mike Ewing,  
Staff Counsel.

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14 Deponent: E. Howard Hunt. Ellis S. Rubin, Esq., counsel  
for Deponent Hunt.

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17 Mr. Genzman. My name is Robert Genzman. I am staff  
counsel to the House Select Committee on Assassinations. I  
18 have been designated as counsel, empowered to obtain statements  
19 under oath pursuant to House Resolution 222 and Committee Rule  
20 4. I would ask the clerk to identify herself and to state  
21 that she is authorized to administer oaths in accordance with  
22 the applicable laws.

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24 Ms. Dempsey. I am reporter Shirley B. Dempsey. I am  
authorized to administer oaths.

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Mr. Genzman. Will you please administer the oath to the

1 witness.

2 (The deponent, E. Howard Hunt, was sworn by Shirley B.  
3 Dempsey, a Notary Public in and for the District of Columbia.)

4 Mr. Genzman. Mr. Hunt, will you state your full name for  
5 the record?

6 Mr. Hunt. My full name is Everette Howard Hunt, Jr.

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8 Mr. Genzman. Have you been given copies of our committee  
9 rules and House resolutions 222, 433, and 760?

10 Mr. Hunt. I have.

11 Mr. Genzman. Have you read Committee Rule 4?

12 Mr. Rubin. Yes

13 Mr. Hunt. Yes.

14 Mr. Genzman. Do you understand it?

15 Mr. Hunt. Yes.

16 Mr. Genzman. Are you making this statement voluntarily?

17 Mr. Hunt. I am.

18 Mr. Genzman. Is it true that you are not under subpoena  
19 for this statement?

20 Mr. Hunt. That is correct.

21 Mr. Genzman. Do you understand that you have the right  
22 to have counsel present?

23 Mr. Hunt. I so understand and I have counsel present.

24 Mr. Genzman. Would counsel identify himself for the  
25 record.

1        Mr. Rubin. Ellis S. Rubin, member of the Florida Bar  
2 and the Bar of the Supreme Court of the United States, with  
3 offices in Miami, Florida.

4        Mr. Genzman. The entire record of this statement under  
5 oath will be transcribed. The transcript will be sent to you  
6 to review, verify and sign. When a sworn statement involves  
7 classified information, it has been the policy of the committee  
8 to ask that the witness waive his right to receive a copy. Do  
9 you waive your right to a copy of that portion of your sworn  
10 statement dealing with classified information?

11        Mr. Hunt. I do.

12        Mr. Genzman. Do you have any objections to the presence  
13 of committee staff members at this deposition?

14        Mr. Hunt. I have no objection.

15        Mr. Genzman. Mr. Hunt, we are happy to have you here to-  
16 day. We want to repeat our past apologies for any inconveniences  
17 you may have experienced in making arrangements to meet with  
18 us. We would like to address a number of issues involving  
19 areas of information and allegations which have arisen in con-  
20 nection with the investigation of the assassination of Presi-  
21 dent Kennedy.

22        Mr. Hunt, have you ever worked for the CIA?

23        Mr. Hunt. I have. Mr. Genzman, at this point can we go  
24 off the record a moment?

25        (Discussion off the record.)

1 Mr. Genzman. Back on the record.

2 Mr. Hunt. I have.

3 Mr. Genzman. At this time I would like to show you a  
4 document marked as JFK Exhibit 94, which is a letter from the  
5 Central Intelligence Agency to the House Select Committee on  
6 assassinations dated March 23, 1978. Have you read this let-  
7 ter?

8 Mr. Hunt. I have.

9 Mr. Genzman. Do you understand it?

10 Mr. Hunt. I understand it. My inference is that I am  
11 under no constraint as regards my prior secrecy oath with the  
12 Central Intelligence Agency.

13 Mr. Genzman. Correct.

14 Mr. Hunt, I understand that you would like to make an  
15 opening statement.

16 Mr. Hunt. I would.

17 Not long after the onset of Watergate it became fashion-  
18 able in certain quarters to suggest that those guilty of Water-  
19 gate's heinous crimes might well be guilty of even worse mon-  
20 strosities, including the assassination of a President of the  
21 United States: John F. Kennedy.

22 Photographs of myself and the other Watergate figures were  
23 published widely in this country and abroad. Meanwhile assassi-  
24 nation buffs had developed a number of theories -- all at  
25 variance with the findings of the Warren Commission -- that

1 concentrated on suggested conspiracies. Books appeared, ir-  
2 responsible headlines erupted in the tabloid press, and the  
3 media -- ever eager for sensation -- gave time and space to  
4 proponents of the wildest conceivable theories concerning the  
5 identity of the assassin of John F. Kennedy, his sponsors, if  
6 any, and so forth. I need hardly take your time or mine to  
7 itemize the incredible amount of trash that has been written  
8 and televised about that tragic event.

9 In due course a tabloid, The National Tattler sometime  
10 around March 1974, I believe, published a story implying that  
11 I had been in Dallas when Kennedy was killed, and had a hand  
12 in his assassination. In response I sued the tabloid which  
13 promptly went out of business and left me with a default  
14 judgment and additional legal costs.

15 In March 1974 -- four years ago -- I discussed a variety  
16 of accusations with the Rockefeller Commission. Although my  
17 testimony was not desired, I provided the commission with the  
18 following sworn affidavit:

19 I, E. Howard Hunt, affirm the following to be my  
20 recollections of my whereabouts on November 22, 1963:

21 1. On that date I was an employee of the Central Intel-  
22 ligence Agency assigned to the Domestic Operations Division,  
23 located in a commercial building in Washington, D.C.

24 2. I was driving with my late wife on H Street near 8th  
25 or 9th Street when we first heard of the Kennedy shooting on

1 our car radio. We had been purchasing Chinese groceries at a  
2 store named, as well as I can recall it, "Wah Ling." I do  
3 not know how long after the initial radio reports were made  
4 that my wife and I first heard the news. Brinkley was the  
5 commentator I remember because of his having theorized a  
6 "right wing plot": i.e., Dallas citizens had abused Adlai  
7 Stevenson and the climate of Dallas extremism had caused  
8 Kennedy's shooting.

9 3. From the Chinese grocery store we drove out Wisconsin  
10 Avenue to pick up our daughter, Kevan, from Sidwell Friends  
11 School. On joining us my daughter told us what we already  
12 knew: that President Kennedy had been shot. She had learned  
13 this because two of Robert Kennedy's children had been taken  
14 from Sidwell Friends School, presumably by Secret Service  
15 agents.

16 4. From Kevan's school we drove directly to our home on  
17 Baltan Road in Sumner, Maryland (off Massachusetts Avenue ex-  
18 tended). At home was my newly-born son, David (DOB 9/1/63), a  
19 maid, Mary Trayner and my wife's aunt, the late Leona Drexler  
20 of Chicago. Our elder son, St. John, a student at nearby  
21 Brookmont Elementary School, was probably already at home.  
22 As I recall, our eldest child, Lisa, arrived soon afterward by  
23 bus from Ursuline Academy and joined us at the television set  
24 in our basement recreation room where we stayed long hours  
25 watching the unfolding of events: the swearing-in of LBJ, the

1 arrival at Andrews Field of the presidential coffin, etcetera.

2 5. As to why I was not at my office that entire after-  
3 noon, I can only presume that I had left early to help my wife  
4 shop for a planned Chinese dinner, in the preparation of which  
5 I normally assisted.

6 6. I was never in Dallas, Texas, until late 1971, when,  
7 at the request of Charles Colson I flew there to interview Gen-  
8 eral Paul Harkins, former U.S. military commander in Vietnam.

9 7. I did not meet Frank Sturgis until the spring of  
10 1972, the introduction being performed by and at the office of  
11 Bernard L. Barker.

12 8. I never at any time met or knew Lee Harvey Oswald,  
13 Jack Ruby, or any other person involved in the Dallas slayings.

14 9. I was not in Mexico in 1963. In fact, I was not in  
15 Mexico between the years 1961 and 1970, and have not been  
16 there since a weekend pleasure trip to Acapulco in July of 1970.

17 10. I have no diaries or other memorabilia prior to  
18 1969, having destroyed as many outdated files and records as  
19 possible to save weight in the move to my Florida home in July,  
20 1974. I retained only such records, bank statements, etcetera,  
21 as are required by the 5-year Internal Revenue Service for in-  
22 come tax purposes.

23 That was signed, notarized and sworn to at the time.

24 To that affidavit I would add only that the name I ac-  
25 corded the Chinese grocery store was mistaken. Since revisit-



1 ing the site I have determined that the name of the store was  
2 Tuck Cheong.

3 Also in March, 1974, I provided the Rockefeller Commission  
4 with 17 different photographs of myself taken during the pe-  
5 riod 1961-1964. It is my understanding that these photographs  
6 were compared with those of the so-called Dallas tramps by FBI  
7 Photoanalyst Lyndal Shaneyfelt who determined with professional  
8 finality that the tramp photos were not of Frank Sturgis or  
9 myself.

10 Then in October, 1974, assertedly at the request of then  
11 FBI Director Kelley, I assented to an interview by agents of  
12 the FBI's Baltimore office. Their memorandum of the interview  
13 was made public last January.

14 But even that did not end the continuing harassment.  
15 Early in 1975, political activist Dick Gregory was given a  
16 series of photographs of the Dallas tramps together with sev-  
17 eral of Frank Sturgis and myself. In press conferences and  
18 talk shows Gregory professed to see unmistakable similarity  
19 between the tramp photos and those of Sturgis and Hunt, and  
20 pressed the photographs upon the Rockefeller Commission with  
21 demands for satisfaction.

22 Shortly thereafter in a timing sequence not entirely co-  
23 incidental, a book by Alan Weberman and Michael Canfield was  
24 published: "Coup d'Etat in America," which relied heavily on a  
25 presumptive likeness of Sturgis and myself to the so-called

1 Dallas tramps. The defamatory intent of the book was so clear  
2 that I sued authors and publisher of the book for libel. The  
3 publishing company went out of business, and the publisher re-  
4 turned to his native Nigeria. Litigation against the two  
5 authors is active to this day.

6 That these smears have staying power was reflected dur-  
7 ing a series of lectures I gave to college audiences last  
8 year; invariably some questioner would advert to my supposed  
9 involvement in the assassination of President Kennedy on the  
10 assumption that I had occult knowledge of the tragedy.

11 From time to time magazine articles rake over the cold  
12 ashes of my supposed involvement in the Dallas assassination.  
13 And the more malicious underground press frequently dwells  
14 boldly on the subject, maligning and defaming me to my con-  
15 tinuing detriment. Against these injurious falsehoods I have  
16 found myself helpless, for the agitators and profiteers accept  
17 no answers ave those they prescribe in advance.

18 Last August two newspapers: "Spotlight," published in  
19 Washington, D.C., and the "News-Journal" of Wilmington, Dela-  
20 ware, printed similar stories concerning me that I found pro-  
21 foundly disturbing. Their burden was that this committee had  
22 received from the Central Intelligence Agency a memorandum pur-  
23 portedly initialed by Director Richard Helms in 1966 stating  
24 that some day it might be necessary to reveal that Howard Hunt  
25 was in Dallas on the day of President Kennedy's assassination.

1 copies of both stories have been furnished this committee to-  
2 gether with my request that a copy of the alleged memorandum be  
3 furnished me.

4 To date, the committee has not responded to my request  
5 and I now renew it: I demand that the committee confirm or  
6 deny receipt of such a memorandum, and if the memorandum in-  
7 deed exists that it be furnished me so that I may refute its  
8 contents in their entirety.

9 Because I was not in Dallas on the day President Kennedy  
10 was killed, I know that the purported memorandum is spurious.  
11 The veil of mystery surrounding it, however, is exceedingly  
12 damaging to me. The charge has been made; the committee is  
13 said to be the source of the false information, and it is within  
14 your power to set the matter straight once and for all.

15 Fair play demands it, and simple justice requires it.

16 Thank you.

17 Mr. Genzman. Thank you, Mr. Hunt.

18 For the record, do you affirm the truth of your opening  
19 statement?

20 Mr. Hunt. I do.

21 Mr. Rubin. May I pose a question on behalf of Mr. Hunt?

22 On page 4 of his written statement, the middle paragraph  
23 requests that the committee confirm or deny receipt of such a  
24 CIA 1966 memorandum, and if the memorandum indeed exists, that  
25 it be furnished to Mr. Hunt so he may refute its contents in its

1 entirety. I respectfully ask whether or not the committee  
2 intends to respond to this request.

3 Mr. Genzman. For the record, the committee is aware of  
4 Mr. Hunt's request, and we will make every effort to respond  
5 to it.

6 Mr. Rubin. Thank you.

7 Do you have copies of the articles? There is the August  
8 14, 1978, edition of Spotlight News Magazine, and August 20  
9 front-page story in the Wilmington News-Journal concerning  
10 this alleged secret 1966 CIA memo.

11 Mr. Genzman. I can confirm that we have copies of these  
12 articles which were sent from you by letter to the committee.

13 Mr. Rubin. Thank you.

14 Mr. Genzman. Mr. Hunt, were you in Texas at any time in  
15 1963?

16 Mr. Hunt. No. That was part of my preliminary statement.

17 Mr. Genzman. Did you at any time in your life receive a  
18 letter or any other form of communication from Lee Harvey  
19 Oswald or anyone claiming to be him?

20 Mr. Hunt. No, sir.

21 Mr. Genzman. I would like to ask you some specific ques-  
22 tions dealing with some allegations which have been made.  
23 Some may be repetitive since you have covered some of these  
24 issues in your opening statement. Did you ever agree with one  
25 or more persons to take any actions to bring about the death of

1 President Kennedy?

2 Mr. Hunt. No, sir.

3 Mr. Genzman. Did you and one or more persons ever agree  
4 to take such actions and then in fact take such actions to  
5 bring about the death of President Kennedy?

6 Mr. Hunt. No, sir.

7 Mr. Genzman. Do you have any knowledge whatsoever that  
8 more than one person ever took action to bring about the death  
9 of President Kennedy?

10 Mr. Hunt. I have no knowledge at all, sir.

11 Mr. Genzman. Do you have any knowledge of any discus-  
12 sions that one or more people had about the consideration of  
13 agreeing upon actions to bring about the death of President  
14 Kennedy?

15 Mr. Hunt. No.

16 Mr. Genzman. Has any person at any time since the death  
17 of President Kennedy ever informed you or told you in any way  
18 that they believed they had information concerning a conspiracy  
19 between two or more people to bring about the death of Presi-  
20 dent Kennedy?

21 Let me specify that I am not now referring to public al-  
22 legations by Warren Commission critics and the like.

23 Mr. Hunt. Oh. No.

24 Mr. Genzman. Have you ever at any point learned of or been  
25 informed about information that two or more persons agreed to

1 take action to bring about the death of Lee Harvey Oswald?

2 Mr. Hunt. No, sir.

3 Mr. Genzman. Do you believe or have you any knowledge  
4 that would indicate there are circumstances relating to the  
5 Kennedy assassination which have been covered up or in some  
6 way not disclosed by either the CIA, private individuals or  
7 any other agency of government?

8 Mr. Hunt. No, sir, I have no such knowledge.

9 Mr. Genzman. You confirmed during the investigation of  
10 Watergate that on one or more occasions during your tenure  
11 working for President Nixon that you were ordered to person-  
12 ally fabricate some evidence or information that would falsely  
13 implicate a person in the assassination of a head of state. I  
14 am referring to the Diem cables incident. Have you at any  
15 point in your past career been involved in any manner in the  
16 fabrication or dissemination of evidence which linked any per-  
17 son to any assassination?

18 Mr. Hunt. Other than the matter you have described, no.

19 Mr. Genzman. I would like to ask an opinion of you. Who  
20 do you think was responsible for the assassination of President  
21 Kennedy?

22 Mr. Hunt. Lee Harvey Oswald.

23 Mr. Genzman. Do you have any suspicions whatsoever that  
24 others were involved?

25 Mr. Hunt. Well, I think some ties have been established

1 for argument's sake, let's say, between Oswald and the KGB.  
2 I am not unmindful from recent literature on the subject. I  
3 don't know whether all those ties have been explored. Other  
4 than that, what is available in the public record, I have no  
5 particular thoughts about.

6 Mr. Genzman. Do you have any suspicions whatsoever that  
7 others were involved with Jack Ruby in the killing of Lee  
8 Harvey Oswald?

9 Mr. Hunt. No, sir.

10 Mr. Genzman. Do you believe that the Warren Commission  
11 did a thorough job in investigating the assassination of Pres-  
12 ident Kennedy and the killing of Lee Harvey Oswald?

13 Mr. Hunt. Well, that is almost a hypothetical question.  
14 I have seen the immense amount of material published in the  
15 Warren Commission report. I have never read it. I wouldn't  
16 know. I would have to say this, that I regarded the composi-  
17 tion of the Warren Commission as being an agust body of respons-  
18 ible men who were working under some difficulties, and I think  
19 they did as well as humans could do in the circumstances.

20 Mr. Genzman. Did you play any role in the Central Intel-  
21 ligence Agency's investigation of the Kennedy assassination?

22 Mr. Hunt. No, sir.

23 Mr. Genzman. Did any information about the assassination  
24 or the investigation of the assassination pass your desk during  
25 the period 1963 to 1964?

1 Mr. Hunt. No, sir.

2 Mr. Genzman. During any later period do you recall any  
3 information concerning the Kennedy assassination passing your  
4 desk?

5 Mr. Hunt. No, sir.

6 Mr. Genzman. During the period of 1963 to 1964, what was  
7 your relationship with James Angleton?

8 Mr. Hunt. I don't know that I had any dealings with  
9 Angleton's staff or whatever in the period '63 to '64. I  
10 knew Mr. Angleton was the chief of the counterintelligence-  
11 counterespionage staff, and over my long career with the CIA  
12 I had occasion to deal with him perhaps twice. I had more  
13 frequent occasions, perhaps twenty or thirty times, that I  
14 applied to the CIA staff working members about a particular  
15 problem, but I don't think I ever dealt personally face to  
16 face with Angleton more than twice in a period of twenty-one  
17 years.

18 Mr. Genzman. During that same period, 1963 to 1964, what  
19 was your relationship with Raymond Rocca?

20 Mr. Hunt. I would have to say that I knew Ray Rocca  
21 was his deputy and had no dealings with Ray Rocca at all.

22 Mr. Genzman. Have you ever discussed the assassination  
23 or the assassination investigation with either James Angleton  
24 or Raymond Rocca?

25 Mr. Hunt. No.



1       Mr. Genzman. During your work for President Nixon in the  
2 so-called "plumbers unit," did you and your colleagues ever in-  
3 vestigate information provided by a woman who claimed to have  
4 data related to Fidel Castro's personal reaction to the Kennedy  
5 assassination?

6       Mr. Hunt. Yes.

7       Mr. Genzman. Could you describe this incident?

8       Mr. Hunt. I had done so, I believe, for the Watergate  
9 special prosecutor or the Ervin committee, one or the other.  
10 I was in Miami with or without Gordon Liddy late '71 or early  
11 1972. I was in a hotel room, I think in the Dupont Plaza in  
12 Miami, and I was meeting with Mr. Bernard Barker and another  
13 member of our team, Martinez, Mr. Martinez, and Martinez men-  
14 tioned that he had available a woman who was a recent arrival  
15 in the United States. I did not know at that time that Mar-  
16 tinez was a contract agent for CIA. He said that he had es-  
17 corted this woman around different places and I might be inter-  
18 ested in hearing her story. But there seemed to be no palpable  
19 reaction, and he said she was present in Fidel Castro's house-  
20 hold when the news came over the radio that President Kennedy  
21 was shot, would I like to talk with her.

22       I said, sure, I would be perfectly happy to.

23       So he brought to my suite within a half-hour or so a  
24 middle-aged lady, sort of nondescript appearance, I can't even  
25 recall her name now. Mr. Martinez supplied a tape recorder

1 and I interrogated her, asking her to tell her story to me,  
2 asked her a few questions, much as we are engaged in a col-  
3 loquy today. And then in due course I took the tape cassette  
4 with me to Washington and had either all or part of it tran-  
5 scribed in the White House.

6 The burden of her story was that a pall of gloom had  
7 settled over the Fidel Castro household on the announcement of  
8 President Kennedy's death because, according to her -- and again  
9 this is unverifiable information, as far as I know -- Mr.  
10 Kennedy and Mr. Castro were on the verge of working out some  
11 sort of an agreement, a detente, if you will, an arrangement  
12 which would permit both countries to live without the tensions  
13 that had existed.

14 I think I transmitted either a transcript of that tape or  
15 the tape cassette or both to the Central Intelligence Agency,  
16 and I can't recall the recipient at the other end, but I used  
17 the regular White House CIA pouch for that purpose.

18 Mr. Genzman. Did you ever prepare a report on the infor-  
19 mation which the woman provided?

20 Mr. Hunt. I think I did a summary of it for Charles  
21 Colson.

22 Mr. Genzman. Did you also send a copy of the report to  
23 the CIA?

24 Mr. Hunt. As I have said, I either sent a transcript of  
25 the tape itself, the Q and A, or the cassette or both. I do not

1 think I supplied them with the summary that I supplied Colson.

2 Mr. Genzman. Did your report, if you wrote one, contain  
3 any interpretations or analysis of her statements?

4 Mr. Hunt. I don't recall. That has been about seven years  
5 ago.

6 Mr. Genzman. Do you know the name of the woman?

7 Mr. Hunt. No.

8 Mr. Genzman. Do you know who would know the name of the  
9 woman?

10 Mr. Hunt. Certainly the CIA must have a record. Martinez  
11 or Bernard Barker. She was apparently fairly well known in a  
12 particular area of the Cuban colony there.

13 Mr. Genzman. Did you take any other steps to investigate  
14 the information which you received from her?

15 Mr. Hunt. Not to the best of my recollection, no. I  
16 thought by turning it over to the CIA that sort of put the  
17 thing in the right channel if it was viable information.

18 Mr. Genzman. In addition to the people who you have  
19 named as being involved, were there any other people who had  
20 knowledge of this project?

21 Mr. Hunt. Well, one or two typists who helped me with  
22 the transcription in the White House. I don't know that any-  
23 body in the CIA liaison office would have known of it because  
24 a sealed envelope went over, and obviously people at the other  
25 end in CIA must have known about it.

1           Mr. Genzman. Do you recall any particular names?

2           Mr. Hunt. No. I haven't thought about this for a long,  
3 long time. I think I must have addressed it to the Chief Re-  
4 ports Officer, Western Hemisphere Division.

5           Mr. Genzman. Would Richard Helms have been one individual?

6           Mr. Hunt. I don't think so, unless it was bucked up to  
7 him because it would come from the White House.

8           Mr. Genzman. Did you or anyone else ever undertake or  
9 consider any other investigation of any information pertaining  
10 to the Kennedy assassination during your period of working  
11 for Richard Nixon?

12          Mr. Hunt. Beyond the incident I have reported, I can't  
13 recall anything, no.

14          Mr. Genzman. Was there ever any interest among the people  
15 working in the Nixon administration concerning new information  
16 about the Kennedy assassination?

17          Mr. Hunt. Well, that is kind of a blanket question. I  
18 can only answer it in terms of my contact with Charles Colson,  
19 who was not particularly interested in it but he may have  
20 discussed it with others in the White House to indicate or to  
21 explore the matter for some possible political advantage, i.e.,  
22 if it could be shown ex post facto that Mr. Castro and Presi-  
23 dent Kennedy had a working relationship, this might have been  
24 of some potential value, although I didn't collect the informa-  
25 tion for that purpose initially, I just did it as a byproduct

1 of my presence in Miami with the CIA as the immediate destination.

2 Mr. Genzman. You stated that you gave Charles Colson a  
3 copy of the summary pertaining to the information which this  
4 woman had provided you?

5 Mr. Hunt. May I be just a little more precise? If I  
6 said that, I think that was imprecise. I think I summarized  
7 the information in English for Mr. Colson.

8 Mr. Genzman. Did you ever provide a summary to President  
9 Nixon or to Robert Haldeman?

10 Mr. Hunt. No. That is not to say, of course, Mr. Colson  
11 didn't pass along in one form or another the information I for-  
12 warded to him.

13 Mr. Genzman. In your interview in the Providence Journal  
14 in 1975 and in comments since, you have stated that your sum-  
15 mary and the tapes you made of this interview with this woman  
16 were kept in your office in the Executive Office Building.  
17 Do you know what happened to this summary and to the tapes?

18 Mr. Hunt. Well, my best recollection now is I sent the  
19 actual take cassette over to CIA. My safe was violated, as you  
20 know, about the 19th of June, 1972, and various disruptions  
21 were made of the material that contained therein. At the time  
22 of discovery by Mr. Silbert here of the federal courthouse, I  
23 was shown some material that was extracted from my safe, but  
24 I don't recall that particular item being one of them. There  
25 would be an inventory, of course, of whatever was not destroyed

1 by Mr. Colson, Mr. Dean, Mr. Erlichman or Mr. Patrick Gray.

2 There was a lot of pilferage along the line. This is history,  
3 but I am just repeating it for the record.

4 I don't recall that particular summary being part of  
5 the discovery material.

6 Mr. Genzman. Do you know for a fact who was responsible  
7 for taking this material and destroying it?

8 Mr. Hunt. No. I know that Mr. Dean has taken some ma-  
9 terial, squirreled some of it away, other portions he destroyed.  
10 Mr. Erlichman is said to have destroyed some. These matters  
11 were explored to some extent during the coverup trial in 1974,  
12 and I think what happened to some of those things will be a  
13 matter of contention for a long time. I don't know. I didn't  
14 have any particular interest at the time.

15 Mr. Genzman. Why did you wait until 1975 to talk about  
16 the information which this woman had provided?

17 Mr. Hunt. Well, it may have just been in response to a  
18 question. After all, it was about 1974 while I had been in  
19 prison before any of these charges began arising associating  
20 me in any way with the death of President Kennedy, so there  
21 would have been no reason for me to go into something that did  
22 not evidently receive any kind of echo from the agency or the  
23 White House itself. I recall, of course, the interview with  
24 the Providence Journal. It was a very long one. I think it  
25 occupied about two days and I just assume they asked me some-

1 thing that brought that incident to mind.

2 Mr. Genzman. Are you stating that you never consciously  
3 decided to withhold this information until 1975?

4 Mr. Hunt. Yes. In fact, I think that information was  
5 available in executive session because at that time I had to  
6 search my mind before some investigative body to determine  
7 the name of the White House secretary who had done the typing  
8 for me. And that became part of the official record.

9 Mr. Genzman. Do you recall whether Charles Colson's sec-  
10 retary did the typing work related to this project?

11 Mr. Hunt. No, she did not. The girl who did it was the  
12 daughter of a CIA employee in Japan. His name was Joseph  
13 Kayonaga, K-a-y-o-n-a-g-a. His daughter was working in the  
14 White House, and soon after my arrival identified herself to  
15 me, recognized me from Japan, and she had also been in South  
16 America with her father. She spoke Spanish and Portuguese,  
17 and so I had her do, I guess, all of the transcribing.

18 Mr. Genzman. Is it true that this information was taken  
19 from your safe soon after the Watergate breakin?

20 Mr. Hunt. Well, my safe was broken into by GSA people  
21 acting for John Dean sometime I believe Monday morning of June  
22 19, 1972, so we are talking about within a 48-hour period, yes.  
23 This is on the assumption that it was taken out.

24 Mr. Genzman. Do you feel there was any connection between  
25 the two events?

Mr. Hunt. No, none at all.

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1 Mr. Genzman. Because the two events occurred in such a  
2 short time period, do you believe that the information which  
3 you received from this woman on the Kennedy assassination was  
4 discussed in the Nixon circle during the days immediately fol-  
5 lowing the Watergate breakin?

6 Mr. Hunt. I don't think there was quite as sequential  
7 a tie as you suggest. My recollection is there was between a  
8 six and seven-month interval between the time I took the woman's  
9 statement and the time that my safe was violated in my White  
10 House office. I don't think there was any causal connection  
11 at all.

12 Mr. Genzman. Do you have any reason to believe that this  
13 information or anything relating to it was discussed on the so-  
14 called 18-minute gap on the Nixon tape of June 20, 1972?

15 Mr. Hunt. No, because I never heard any echoes from  
16 Mr. Colson or from the CIA about the material. It served  
17 whatever purpose it was to have served; nobody was really  
18 interested. In any event, I wasn't really in that kind of  
19 investigatory capacity.

20 It happened I was in Miami when the woman was found and  
21 brought up to see me, and I performed the service. The CIA  
22 never, I think, acknowledged receipt of the memorandum of the  
23 tape or heard anything about it again.

24 Mr. Genzman. Do you have any reason to believe this  
25 information was discussed in the so-called "smoking gun" tape

2 1 of June 23, 1972, the tape which forced Nixon to resign?

2 Mr. Hunt. No.

3 Mr. Genzman. Do you recall filing a motion in 1972 for  
4 the return of the documents which were taken from your safe?

5 Mr. Hunt. Yes.

6 Mr. Genzman. Is it true this motion, had it been acted  
7 upon, would have resulted in a court hearing about the contents  
8 of your safe, the substance of those contents and the chain  
9 of custody of those contents once the safe was drilled open?

10 Mr. Hunt. That is my understanding. I am not an attorney,  
11 but to the best of my recollection that is what would have  
12 ensued.

13 Mr. Genzman. Was this the purpose of your filing the  
14 motion?

15 Mr. Hunt. Well, the motion -- was this the motion for  
16 suppression?

17 Mr. Genzman. I am speaking of the motion to obtain the  
18 contents of the safe.

19 Mr. Hunt. A motion for suppression was filed, and Mr.  
20 Colson evidently persuaded my then attorney to withdraw that  
21 motion because it would have been embarrassing for the White  
22 House. Is that the one we are talking about?

23 I might add that the motives my then attorney had for  
24 acceding to Mr. Colson's request are now among counts in a  
25 malpractice suit which you may or may not be aware of.

3     1           Mr. Genzman. Do you recall filing more than one motion  
2           on the issue of obtaining the contents of the safe?

3           Mr. Hunt. No, I don't, really.

4           Mr. Genzman. Fine.

5           I believe that Charles Colson spoke to you concerning the  
6           withdrawing of this motion several days after meetings in which  
7           the impeachment committee, Ervin committee, and special  
8           prosecutors concluded that there were discussions between Nixon,  
9           Colson and others about paying you large sums of money in an  
10          effort to keep you silent.

11          Do you know whether these events had any relevance to  
12          Colson's desire to have you withdraw your motion?

13          Mr. Hunt. I think we ought to examine the sequence just a  
14          little more precisely. It was in late December or very early  
15          January, late December, 1972, very early January, 1973, that  
16          my then attorney had spoken to Mr. Colson about the motion to  
17          suppress, and Mr. Colson, in due course, consulted with the  
18          White House, I believe history indicates, and came back to my  
19          then attorney and said we will request, whereupon my attorney  
20          notified me that he had decided to accede to the White House  
21          suggestions and not pursue the motion.

22          I don't think there was any chain of events at that time  
23          that would suggest that an impeachment committee was in motion.  
24          Haldeman and Ehrlichman hadn't even been fired at that time.

25          Mr. Genzman. Let me try to make my question clearer.

1 Mr. Hunt. Perhaps you could chop it into a couple of  
2 segments.

3 Mr. Genzman. In the impeachment final report it is noted  
4 that on January 9, 1973, your motion for return of the documents  
5 was withdrawn. This was several days after the meetings which  
6 the impeachment committee, Ervin committee and special prosecu-  
7 tors concluded had involved discussions by Nixon, Colson, and  
8 others about paying you another large sum of money in return  
9 for your silence.

10 As you know, the investigations concluded that a secret  
11 plan to offer you executive clemency was discussed during those  
12 days by the Nixon circle. Is there any relationship between  
13 those events and your decision to withdraw your motion?

14 Mr. Hunt. The decision was not made by me. The decision  
15 was made by my attorney.

16 Mr. Genzman. Was it ever your purpose to avoid having this  
17 information concerning the Kennedy assassination be made  
18 public?

19 Mr. Hunt. No, it was never a matter of any interest to me  
20 one way or another.

21 Mr. Genzman. Do you know what Colson was concerned about  
22 with regard to the information in the safe?

23 Mr. Hunt. Well, not specifically. He should have been  
24 very concerned; in fact, I think his concern manifested itself  
25 in his being party to the safe's having been opened and the

5 1 contents divided and partially destroyed.

2 As I pointed out many times on many occasions, examina-  
3 tion of what was left behind was all highly incriminatory leads  
4 to other people. So obviously there was a kind of division of  
5 the spoils by interested people in the White House to take  
6 their names out of the folders and leave my name in. That is  
7 what happened.

8 Mr. Genzman. John Ehrlichman, in some notes which he made  
9 in 1971, made reference to an episode in which Nixon was trying  
10 to get Director Helms to provide his aides with a copy of a  
11 secret internal CIA report relating to the Bay of Pigs. Helms  
12 evidently was refusing to make a copy available. In his notes  
13 of September 18, 1971, Ehrlichman wrote that Nixon was going to  
14 tell Helms that "the President is to have the full file or  
15 else. Nothing withheld."

16 In those same notes Ehrlichman wrote that the President  
17 stated that "Liddy and Hunt" were to help read or analyze the  
18 material once it was obtained. Do you recall this episode?

19 Mr. Hunt. No, this is the first time I heard of it.

20 Mr. Genzman. Was any such material made available to you  
21 on the Bay of Pigs or on Cuban matters?

22 Mr. Hunt. No.

23 Mr. Genzman. You stated earlier that you had tape-recorded  
24 your conversations with the woman regarding her information on  
25 the Kennedy assassination?

1 Mr. Hunt. Yes.

2 Mr. Genzman. Do you recall how many tapes were made?

3 Mr. Hunt. One cassette, to the best of my recollection.

4 Mr. Genzman. Did you have any other tapes in your safe?

5 Mr. Hunt. I don't think so.

6 Mr. Genzman. In a CIA employee's affidavit published by  
7 the impeachment committee the employee disclosed that you had  
8 "transmitted sealed envelopes" to the CIA during the Watergate  
9 period and that some of these envelopes went to Director  
10 Helms. Is this true?

11 Mr. Hunt. What is the Watergate period supposed to con-  
12 sist of?

13 Mr. Genzman. The period would be 1971 to 1972.

14 Mr. Hunt. Well, that was the period I was at the White  
15 House. Yes, I sent occasional things over to the CIA. I was  
16 concerned about my -- I had an annuity problem, if I remember,  
17 that I wanted resolved. I sent materials over in sealed  
18 envelopes, certainly, but I don't recall, inasmuch as I wasn't  
19 the one who ever addressed the external envelope -- you are  
20 familiar with the courier system?

21 I provided the sealed envelope to the CIA liaison office,  
22 chief reports officer, W.H. Division. They would put that in  
23 another envelope and perhaps have Richard Helms' name on it  
24 or chief registry; I don't know. That was a mechanical thing,  
25 but to the best of my recollection I never addressed in my

7 1 own hand or instructed anyone else to direct any envelopes from  
2 myself to Richard Helms.

3 Mr. Genzman. I believe the affidavit implied that the  
4 envelope was personally directed to Mr. Helms. Does that  
5 refresh your recollection?

6 Mr. Hunt. No, it doesn't. Mr. Colson has in the past  
7 adverted to a supposed continuing intelligence liaison between  
8 then-Director Helms and myself, which, in fact, did not exist.

9 Mr. Genzman. Did any envelopes from you to Mr. Helms  
10 contain either the summary of the tapes of this conversation  
11 with the woman or the tapes, themselves?

12 Mr. Hunt. Well, since I never directed anything to  
13 Director Helms, but rather, as I explained a moment ago, I  
14 have prepared an envelope containing either a transcript of the  
15 tape, or transcript and the tape, itself, and addressed the  
16 envelope to probably the chief reports officer, W.H. Division,  
17 and turned it over to the liaison office which then had its own  
18 pouch and courier service out to the agency. How they addressed  
19 it, I don't know.

20 Mr. Genzman. It is your testimony you never addressed  
21 this material to Mr. Helms directly?

22 Mr. Hunt. That is correct.

23 Mr. Genzman. I would like to quote an excerpt from an  
24 interview with Charles Colson conducted by Senator Lowell  
25 Weicker and Howard Baker. In the interview, Colson speaks of

8 1 a meeting which his lawyer, David Shapiro, had with you during  
2 the Watergate period, a meeting in which Colson says you were  
3 making demands for more payment.

4 Let me quote the report of this Colson interview.

5 "Hunt met with David Shapiro while trying to see Colson  
6 to pass on a request for money. When Shapiro would not let  
7 Hunt see Colson, Hunt said the White House better get on the  
8 stick; that he had things on Ehrlichman, Krogh and Young, and  
9 that he had tapes."

10 This implies you were saying that you possessed tapes  
11 which would be threatening to the Nixon Administration?

12 Mr. Hunt. Well, first of all, the assertion is false  
13 because I never made any such statement, and I did meet with  
14 Mr. Shapiro, and he wrote extensive and rather self-serving  
15 accounts of that interview. I don't think even his account of  
16 the meeting held any such allegation.

17 Mr. Genzman. In 1977, in an interview in Boston, you stated  
18 that you knew of a reported plan to "eliminate" Omar Torrijos in  
19 Panama. The report of this interview states, "Hunt was asked,  
20 did you know of anything about a project to eliminate Panamanian  
21 dictator Torrijos. In response the convicted Watergate  
22 conspirator answered, Panama was a drug traffic area where the  
23 drug could move easily, the CIA said with mixed blessings of  
24 the Panamanian Government. There was mixed concern on the part  
25 of drug officials and certainly on the part of some of the Latin



9 1 American drug informants. I think the feeling was if Torrijos  
2 didn't shape up and cooperate, he was going to be wasted.  
3 That never happened. I didn't know any of the people asked to  
4 participate other than the people in the Plumbers Unit. They  
5 have that as part of their brief."

6 What were the circumstances of these discussions?

7 Mr. Hunt. What discussions, sir?

8 Mr. Genzman. In this quoted section it states, "I don't  
9 know any of the people asked to participate other than the  
10 people in the Plumbers Unit."

11 Do you recall a discussion where the people in the Plumbers  
12 Unit were asked to participate?

13 Mr. Hunt. No, not at this point, I don't. All I recall  
14 about that is that there were people within the Special Investi-  
15 gations Unit who did nothing but concern themselves with the  
16 drug traffic, and they were in liaison with the CIA. One was a  
17 gentleman named Minnick, and another was Lucien Conein. It was  
18 more an impression I had than anything else.

19 Mr. Genzman. Do you know who else was involved in these  
20 discussions?

21 Mr. Hunt. I think it is a matter of record that Mr. Liddy  
22 was active in the drug matters and, in fact, during his previous  
23 incumbency as Special Assistant to the Secretary of Treasury,  
24 had initiated or at least been one of the prime movers behind  
25 Operation Intercept, which, for a substantial period, seriously

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1 reduced the drug flow from Mexico.

2 Mr. Genzman. Was anyone else in the Plumbers Unit contacted  
3 with regard to this plan?

4 Mr. Hunt. To what plan, sir?

5 Mr. Genzman. Again, I am speaking of participation in a  
6 plan to waste Torrijos.

7 Mr. Hunt. I don't know whether that ever reached fruition.  
8 If you go back over the original responsibilities of the White  
9 House at that time, Bud Krogh not only had responsibilities  
10 for the Special Investigations Unit, but also was extremely  
11 active in connection with the formation of the then Drug  
12 Enforcement Agency, and it was my impression that drug problems  
13 centered around his office in the White House.

14 Mr. Genzman. Was it your understanding this was an  
15 assassination plan?

16 Mr. Hunt. I think plan perhaps suggests too great a  
17 degree of formality. I think there was more a sense of range  
18 and impotence at the persistence of Panama which was an  
19 uncontrollable center of drug importation to the United States.  
20 The people responsible within the United States for upholding the  
21 law were unable to limit the flow. Why? Because President  
22 Torrijos was uncooperative or was believed to be uncooperative,  
23 at least, and I think from that a sense of frustration and  
24 anger arose. To what extent there was any sort of a formal  
25 plan, I have no idea.

11       Mr. Genzman. Can you state what led you to feel that you  
2 had the authority to conduct these types of discussions?

3       Mr. Hunt. Well, I didn't conduct any.

4       Mr. Genzman. Were you part of a discussion in which  
5 people in the Plumbers Unit were asked to participate in a plan  
6 of that sort?

7       Mr. Hunt. No, not to the best of my recollection, I was  
8 not.

9       Mr. Genzman. Are you saying you have no direct knowledge  
10 that people in the Plumbers Unit were, in fact, asked to par-  
11 ticipate in a plan of this sort?

12       Mr. Hunt. Yes, I am saying that.

13       Mr. Genzman. Do you know what happened to this plan?

14       Mr. Hunt. Again, I don't know that it should be solemnized  
15 as a plan. I have no knowledge.

16       Mr. Genzman. Earlier, you mentioned the names Minnick,  
17 Conein, Liddy and Krogh. Do you know who of these people was  
18 primarily in charge with regard to this plan?

19       Mr. Hunt. Well, I think we have to get away from the  
20 word plan. I realize that you probably have some boilerplate  
21 here --

22       Mr. Genzman. Can I rephrase the question?

23       Mr. Hunt. Yes. In terms of the realities of the situation,  
24 as I perceive it, if you will, sir.

25       Mr. Genzman. Do you know who of these individuals discussed

12 1 these types of activities the most?

2 Mr. Hunt. I know that Mr. Liddy and Mr. Minnick at one  
3 time or another discussed the sense of frustration not only with  
4 regard to Panama, but with regard to the Golden Triangle, and  
5 Mr. Minnick having traveled at White House expense out there  
6 to Burma, Laos, and so forth, and come back with a report that  
7 the White House found it very disturbing. It was in this  
8 context that Mr. Torrijos came in focus.

9 Mr. Genzman. Do you know whether the Watergate burglars,  
10 Barker, McCord, Sturgis, or Martinez, had any knowledge of  
11 these discussions?

12 Mr. Hunt. No, I have no knowledge.

13 Mr. Genzman. I would like to show you an excerpt from an  
14 interview with your former colleague, Manuel Artime, with the  
15 State's Attorney in Florida. In it, Artime stated that you  
16 approached him to "take care of Torrijos." Artime goes on to  
17 suggest that Barker and Sturgis were involved in a plan.

18 Mr. Hunt. I am familiar with a document that purports to  
19 be the one you are now showing me, sir, I believe. Is this the  
20 Dardis memorandum, so-called?

21 Mr. Genzman. Yes.

22 Mr. Hunt. Has that ever been authenticated?

23 Mr. Genzman. Yes, it has.

24 I would like to state you are being shown excerpts of the  
25 affidavit as opposed to the complete affidavit.

13 1 Mr. Hunt. If you will bear with me a moment, can we go  
2 off the record so I can search my files?

3 (Discussion off the record.)

4 Mr. Genzman. Did you, in fact, ever contact Arttime in  
5 regard to any operations or plans in Panama?

6 Mr. Hunt. No, I did not. Mr. Arttime, at one time, pos-  
7 sibly more often over a period of years, mentioned his con-  
8 cern as a Latin American over the drug activities that were  
9 going on in Panama, but I don't recall any threats that were  
10 ever uttered. But let me quote from a press release offered  
11 by Attorney Ellis Rubin on December 16, 1977, in response to  
12 a column written by Jack Anderson, the columnist, of the same  
13 date, December 16, and I am quoting from the press release  
14 as issued by Attorney Ellis Rubin.

15 "Anderson's column recites a so-called 1973 secret memo  
16 from Richard Gerstein's investigator, Martin Dardis,  
17 allegedly quoting Manuel Arttime, Hunt's close friend and god-  
18 father to one of his children. This office represents both  
19 Hunt and Sturgis now, and we were the attorney for Dr. Arttime  
20 over the years. I would have known of any so-called plot  
21 because Dr. Arttime confided in me, and I possess the facts  
22 concerning both Hunt and Sturgis and all of their activities.

23 "Jack Anderson made no detectable effort to contact Howard  
24 Hunt to refute the charges. He knows I represent both Hunt  
25 and Sturgis, and he could have contacted Mr. Hunt through this

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1 office. I now ask why did Mr. Dardis and Anderson wait until  
2 after Dr. Arttime's untimely death from cancer to make Arttime  
3 their sole authority for Hunt's so-called involvement in the  
4 conspiracy. Along those lines, I challenge Mr. Dardis or any-  
5 one else to produce any written memorandum, signed by Manuel  
6 Arttime, or a tape recording of his voice substantiating these  
7 outrageous lies."

8 I would go with the response made by my attorney at that  
9 time.

10 Mr. Genzman. On November 14, 1972, you transmitted a  
11 confidential memorandum to the Nixon circle which asked for  
12 further support payments for you and the other Watergate  
13 burglars. In the memo you stated, "The Watergate break-in  
14 was only one of a number of other highly illegal conspiracies  
15 undertaken at the behest of the White House."

16 Have all of these other illegal acts now been publicly dis-  
17 closed?

18 Mr. Hunt. As far as I know, they have.

19 Mr. Genzman. Would you briefly describe these other  
20 illegal activities?

21 Mr. Hunt. I suppose the principal one was the Ellsberg  
22 affair, which didn't surface for four or five months. I think  
23 the fabrication of the Diem telegrams was another. There were  
24 probably other things, but I can't recall them now.

25 Mr. Genzman. Are you sure that there are no other illegal  
activities which have not yet been disclosed?

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1 Mr. Hunt. I wouldn't have any knowledge because I have to  
2 answer this in the positive sense that everything I knew about  
3 has been disclosed. But I can't substantiate there were not  
4 other things beyond my knowledge.

5 Mr. Genzman. What was highly illegal about the Diem  
6 cables?

7 Mr. Hunt. That perhaps may have been the hyperbole  
8 of the moment. It was certainly discreditable, and there was  
9 a good deal of public outrage when it was made known.

10 Mr. Genzman. Do you have any recollection of a proposed  
11 covert action plan called Operation Diamond from 1971 to 1972?

12 Mr. Hunt. Well, I know that Operation Gemstone was the  
13 umbrella project, if you will, for a lot of sub-projects which  
14 Mr. Liddy had drawn up and presented to the Attorney General  
15 and Mr. Diem and Mr. Magruder for their approval. Which one  
16 Diamond was, I haven't any idea at this time.

17 Mr. Genzman. In an interview Bernard Barker stated  
18 Operation Diamond was a plan to take strong action against  
19 drug smugglers, and he also stated that you approached him  
20 concerning this plan. Does that refresh your recollection?

21 Mr. Hunt. Not particularly. I think I now recall Barker  
22 having made that statement, but I don't subscribe to it.

23 Mr. Genzman. Do you have any recollection about any of the  
24 details of the plan?

25 Mr. Hunt. No.

1 Mr. Genzman. Do you know what happened to the plan?

2 Mr. Hunt. No.

3 Mr. Genzman. What is your knowledge of a Miami real  
4 estate firm called Ameritez?

5 Mr. Hunt. Only that it was a dead corporation which was  
6 resurrected briefly by Bernard Barker to provide cover for the  
7 Watergate entry. This was a matter of public record. There  
8 is nothing hidden about that. Miguel Suarez allowed his  
9 corporation to be used as the apparent renter of the suite that  
10 was used by the break-in people.

11 Mr. Genzman. What was your relationship with Miguel  
12 Suarez?

13 Mr. Hunt. Never knew him in my life.

14 Mr. Genzman. During your work for the Nixon circle, did  
15 you ever have contact with Daniel Hofgren?

16 Mr. Hunt. Not to the best of my recollection; not by  
17 that name. Could you identify him further?

18 Mr. Genzman. Would it refresh your recollection to know  
19 that he worked in the White House under Colson?

20 Mr. Hunt. No.

21 Mr. Genzman. Do you recall ever discussing Panama with a  
22 Daniel Hofgren?

23 Mr. Hunt. No.

24 Mr. Genzman. Did you ever know a Miami man named Edmond H.  
25 Hill?



1 Mr. Hunt. Not that I recall.

2 At what time in my life? I lived there as a child, among  
3 other things. My father was in law practice then.

4 Mr. Genzman. This would have been 1971-1972.

5 Mr. Hunt. No, I have no recollection.

6 Mr. Genzman. Would it refresh your recollection to know  
7 that his nickname was Skipper Hill?

8 Mr. Hunt. No.

9 Mr. Genzman. Did you travel to Nicaragua in July of 1971?

10 Mr. Hunt. Yes, I did. Probably. I know I traveled there  
11 with my wife and one daughter.

12 Mr. Genzman. Was this the first month when you worked for  
13 the Plumbers?

14 Mr. Hunt. I don't think I was even working for the Plumbers  
15 then. I think I was working for Colson. The Plumbers, I don't  
16 think, came into being until the end of that summer.

17 Mr. Genzman. What was the purpose of the trip?

18 Mr. Hunt. Pleasure. Artime had large investments in  
19 Nicaragua. He was an intimate friend of President Somoza. The  
20 airplane tickets were provided free of charge by Dr. Artime,  
21 and it made a pleasant weekend.

22 Mr. Genzman. Did you travel to the neighboring country of  
23 Panama during this trip?

24 Mr. Hunt. No.

25 Mr. Genzman. At any time during the 1970s have you ever  
been in Panama?

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1 Mr. Hunt. No.

2 Mr. Genzman. In your opening statement, you mentioned  
3 that you flew to Dallas in late 1971 on Charles Colson's direc-  
4 tions to interview a General Harker?

5 Mr. Hunt. Harkins.

6 Mr. Genzman. How long were you in Dallas?

7 Mr. Hunt. I got there late at night, about two o'clock  
8 in the morning, interviewed General Harkins at breakfast, and  
9 was out of town by mid-morning.

10 Mr. Genzman. Was this during the period of the Diem cables  
11 episode?

12 Mr. Hunt. Well, it was in the period of what you have  
13 referred to as the Watergate period; yes.

14 Mr. Genzman. What was the purpose of the trip?

15 Mr. Hunt. Mr. Colson felt that General Harkins, as  
16 troop commander there, taking issue with some of the  
17 policies of the previous administration, might be useful to  
18 the then Nixon Administration in terms of establishing just  
19 who had started the war and just who had finally lost it. It  
20 was not a very rewarding interview. If you want the dates of  
21 that travel, I suppose General Harkins could provide it. Or  
22 since it was done on White House travel vouchers, it is probably  
23 a matter of record.

24 Mr. Genzman. Did you discuss the Kennedy assassination  
25 with anyone in Dallas?

Mr. Hunt. No.

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1 Mr. Genzman. I have no further questions at this point.

2 At this time I would like to offer you five minutes to  
3 clarify or amend your previous answers or to offer any fur-  
4 ther information which is relevant to the issues we have dis-  
5 cussed.

6 Mr. Hunt. I have one or two matters, sir, that I would  
7 like to reiterate rather than introducing any new material at  
8 this time. I would like to advert to a matter already men-  
9 tioned, and that is to say the publication in the 'Spotlight  
10 Magazine of libelous material which involves both this com-  
11 mittee, myself and the CIA, and state that I have made every  
12 effort that I conceive to be feasible to get to the bottom  
13 of this material to determine why author Victor Marchetti pub-  
14 lished the article, where he obtained the memorandum, if in fact  
15 such a memorandum exists, and to state that this newspaper  
16 article and its successor, the one we have already mentioned,  
17 the Sunday News-Journal in Wilmington, has had a chilling ef-  
18 fect upon me, just at a time when I was beginning to get my  
19 life reorganized again after almost three years in prison and  
20 about six years of day and night involvement in the Watergate  
21 matter, something like this comes out.

22 I can only conclude that a spurious memorandum has been  
23 foisted off on this committee, whether by the CIA or by a  
24 private individual I don't know, but I want to reiterate my  
25 intense desire to have the committee either confirm or deny

2           1   the existence of such a memorandum, and if in fact there is  
3           2   a memorandum, spurious or not to make it available to me for my  
4           3   perusal so that it can be subjected to the normal technical  
5           4   tests and I can refute it by means already at my disposal.

6           5           I would like to consult with counsel for a moment, if I  
7           6   might. I see that in Rule 3 of the hearing procedures the  
8           7   chairman may subpoena additional witnesses. I wonder if it  
9           8   would be out of order for me to suggest the subpoenaing of  
10          9   one or more additional witnesses?'

11          10           Mr. Genzman. Feel free to.

12          11           Mr. Hunt. In that case I would recommend that the com-  
13          12   mittee subpoena for testimony Victor Marchetti, who seems to  
14          13   have by his own hand some occult knowledge of the Kennedy ass-  
15          14   assination. I would suggest that the committee subpoena Mr.  
16          15   Joe Trento and Miss Jacquie Powers, staff correspondents of the  
17          16   Sunday News-Journal, Wilmington, Delaware, and the people  
18          17   and the staff of this committee who are referred to anonymously  
19          18   in the two articles, for the reason that passage to the press  
20          19   of material such as described in these two journals is pro-  
21          20   hibited by the committee's own rules, and any staff member,  
22          21   technical person associated with the staff, is in violation of  
23          22   standing rules of the committee.

24          23           I would like to add just one more paragraph, sir, and  
25          24   hark back to a period seven or eight months ago when Mr. Ben-  
26          25   jamin Civiletti was appearing before the Senate Judiciary Com-

3           1   mittee in his successful attempt to be confirmed as deputy  
2           2   attorney general. If you will recall, Mr. Civiletti experi-  
3           3   enced calculated harassment in his hearings. But periodically,  
4           4   according to a press report, the chairman cut through the ver-  
5           5   biage of Mr. Civiletti's tormentors with the question, "What  
6           6   have you got to do with this?" To which the witness wearily  
7           7   replied, "Nothing."

8           8           Far be it from me to instruct you gentlemen on how to ex-  
9           9   amine a witness. But if you were to ask, "Mr. Hunt, what have  
10          10   you got to do with this?" my reply would be, "Nothing."

11          11           In closing, I want to thank the committee, the staff mem-  
12          12   bers, for affording me this opportunity to appear as a wit-  
13          13   ness before the committee and to express my hope that the ma-  
14          14   terial that we have just covered will indeed find its way into  
15          15   the media for our mutual benefit.

16          16           Mr. Genzman. Why don't we take a 10-minute break.

17          17           (Recess.)

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